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Reflections about John E. Fetzer

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John E. Fetzer's personal belief and commitment was his life's dedication to fulfill a deep spiritual commitment to God and his fellow man through the John E. Fetzer Institute.

I met John E. Fetzer in 1980, and through the years had the privilege to spend many wonderful hours with him. While I was his lawyer, John was my mentor and role model, we were friends and family. From the first moment with John in a personal conversation, it was apparent to me that John did not live a separated life from the eternal. He did not live in the physical and then on occasion pray. His life was a complete integration of his physical existence with the spiritual world. John would always be present with the Angels, St. Michael the Archangel, the Hierarchy, the Saints, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Creator. He would say, "If you are having a problem with someone, ask your Guardian Angel to talk to the other person's Guardian Angel to open the door to a resolution of the issues." To John this was not just conversation. Your Guardian Angel is with you at all times, and this is a reality.

John E. Fetzer lived the John E. Fetzer Institute. John's mission was to help mankind recognize, love and embrace our oneness with each other and the Creator. To John, in the John E. Fetzer Institute, love is the guiding light for attaining all of these goals. John saw the future of mankind inextricably dependent upon man's willingness to be guided by love, and he recognized the Divine as love's true source. John felt his life on this planet was for service. As he said, "this life is for service and the next is to rest."

At the age of 79, while others rested on their laurels, John began the most significant phase of his life. From 1980, John's work went from a few files in his office at the broadcast station to its present physical and spiritual position in the charitable world. John created the Fetzer Institute to complement and assist our great country—and indeed all of mankind—on the path of love, unity and harmony with our Creator, and this is his legacy to those who now follow. In the final analysis, John E. Fetzer's life can be described as a journey in fulfilling what he believed to be his sacred commitment to the Almighty, to establish an Institute that would bring the human race closer to God by acknowledging the innermost essence of man to love, forgive, and honor his existence on this planet, and to some day unite with the higher in total harmony.

John began his journey by designing and building his own radio station as a college student, and then transformed that into a broadcasting empire. John also had a deep love for the ability of man to express himself in the game of baseball, not simply as a competitive sport, but as a complement to our conduct. John Fetzer owned the Detroit Tigers but, as he would say, "he was the guardian of the team, not the owner." He believed that the Tigers embodied what people can do in a competitive way, without violence, and with love.

John's life was a spiritual journey, totally interconnected with the creative Source, the Archangels, and the Hierarchy, and he felt guided both personally and professionally. He was a man born of this age to bring a message. That message, through the John E. Fetzer Institute, is to evolve man to a higher path through love and the Almighty.

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